

**Week at a Glance…**

**Theme: Fall**

**Monday: Pumpkins**

**Tuesday: Pumpkins**

**Wednesday: Pumpkin Carving**

**Thursday: AM to Mulberry Farm**

**Friday: PM to Mulberry Farm**

**Here’s What’s Jumpin’ in the Jungle**

October 16, 2009

This is such a beautiful time of year! The children are enjoying learning about our changing seasons and also observing what they are seeing outside. The temperature is definitely dropping which and many of the boys and girls are associating snow with fall…Yikes!! We are really hoping for warmer weather for our Mulberry trips next week.

This week we began some new routines in our classroom. Each day when the children arrive they are asked to print their name. I demonstrated how to copy their name from their name card and we discussed that we are still learning so it doesn’t have to be perfect I just want them to try their BEST! This may also be a great opportunity to begin practicing writing their names at home as well. We are also starting to look for one letter a day that is written in our daily message. So far the children have really enjoyed being detectives and circling the letter we are looking for. This just a fun way to promote letter recognition as a class!

Next week will be a short week due to our field trips. Our focus will continue to be on fall (or autumn as you might hear the kids say). We will be talking about more about pumpkins, apples and other fruits and vegetables harvested at this time of year. Our small group work (which will be spread out over the next two weeks) will include: creating a scarecrow by listening and following along with a story, creating a picture that shows how a pumpkin grows creating leaf pattern head bands and working with pumpkin pie play dough. We will also be carving pumpkins as a class on Wednesday!

**Don’t Forget!!**

**Mondays** are gym days; please send you child in comfy shoes!  
**Wednesdays** are library days; please return your books on or before this day!

KEEP IN MIND YOUR CHILD CANNOT CHECK OUT A NEW BOOK UNTIL THEIR BOOK FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK IS RETURNED!!!!!

**Thank You!**

Thank you to our families for filling the snack sack this week!

Thanks to our wonderful parent helpers this week, we love having you in the world of 4K!

**Field Trip…it’s almost here!**

Please remember the AM class will be going to Mulberry Farm on Thursday, October 22nd. They will leave at 8:30 and return at 1:30. Bus routes will be adjusted so the boys and girls will be dropped off shortly after they arrive back at school. If you are picking your child up on this day, please be here by 1:30.

The PM class will visit Mulberry Farm on Friday, October 23rd. They will leave school at 9:30 and return at 3:00. Buses will pick the children up prior to 9:30 at their normal pick-up location. If you bring your child to school, please have them here by 9:30.

Also, each child does need to bring a pillow case labeled with his/her name to carry a pumpkin in. Please send one to school with your child by the day of his/her field trip!!!

**We will be going rain or should I say snow?? Or shine, so please dress your child for the weather!!!!!!**

**King/ Queen of the Jungle!**

**This week the AM class honored Haley Latsch as Queen of the Jungle. We had a visit from her dad on Monday and he read us a story about kittens. We learned that Haley had one little sister and that she loves to dance!**

**She loves to eat olives and visit her aunt!**

**Karleigh Kluever was Queen of the Jungle in the PM class this week. Karleigh loved looking through her baby book with her classmates! We learned that Karleigh loves to eat parmesan shells and wishes to be a rockette when she grows up!**

**We also had a fun visit from Karleigh’s dad today!**

**Coming Up…**

Important dates to remember!

October 22: AM 4K to Mulberry Farm **NO PM 4K**

October 23: PM 4K to Mulberry Farm **NO AM 4K**

October 28: 4K Halloween Round Robin

November 4: Picture Retake day

November 17: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 18: Daytime Parent Teacher Conference

November 19: Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

As the weather gets cooler, please remember when dropping your child off, you can wait in the front lobby until I come down to pick up the kids at 8:01 or 12:25.

Thanks for your cooperation!

**Conferences**

Parent-Teacher conferences are quickly approaching! Please keep your eyes peeled for a conference request form to come home with your child sometime next week and return it to school promptly. Conferences will be held from 4:00-7:30pm on Tuesday, November 17 and Thursday, November 19. Conferences will be held from 8:00am-3:00pm on Wednesday, November 18. This will be a regular school day for the boys and girls; there will be a substitute teacher here!

Please know that due to the number of children in each section and the limited amount of time slots, I will be scheduling conference appointments on a first come first served basis. I will do my best to accommodate your time preference, but do appreciate your flexibility and cooperation. You will receive a notification of your child’s conference date and time in early November.

Conferences will be a wonderful time for you and I to discuss your child’s progress this far and I am excited to share the news of their joys and accomplishments with you.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me!